

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 4 -5 with the following paragraph:

This application is a Continuation Application of U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/976,496 filed on October 12, 2001, which claims ~~claim~~ priority from Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2000-314678 filed October 16, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 20 - 22 with the following paragraph:

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, head portion 1 is provided with a cavity portion 2, a face portion 3, a sole portion 4, a groove 6, a tope edge 7, a toe portion 8, a heel portion 9, and a projected wall portion 16. The cavity portion 2 has a length along a first axis extending from the toe portion 8 to the heel portion 9 and a height along a second axis extending from the sole portion to the top edge 7. The projected wall portion has a length extending along the first axis extending from the toe portion 8 to the heel portion 9 that is less than the length of the cavity portion 2 extending along the first axis.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

On November 10, 2003, the undersigned attorney conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner regarding U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/976,496 filed on October 12, 2001, of which this application is a Continuation Application. During the interview, amended claim 1, the *Nakahara* reference, Japanese Patent No. 10024130A, and the Examiner's Response to Arguments were discussed. Regarding amended claim 1, the Examiner stated that he did not know which dimension the length of the projected wall portion was directed to. During the interview it was explained that the "length" was in reference to the axis that extended along from the heel to the toe of the golf club head. The Examiner suggested that claim 1 and the specification be amended to indicate that the length of the projected wall portion extended along the axis running from the heel to the toe of the golf club. No agreement as to the patentability of claim 1 was reached at that time.

REMARKS

The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Blau for his careful review of this patent application. Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1 - 17 were pending in the application. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1 - 17 will be cancelled and claims 18 - 23 will be pending.

The Amendment to the Specification Does Not Constitute New Matter

The specification has been amended to clarify that the "length" of the projected wall portion is oriented along a first axis extending from the heel portion to the toe portion. It is well known in the art that the "length" of the iron golf club is defined as the dimension from heel to toe, which is the major, or longest, dimension. Furthermore, the Examiner stated during the interview regarding U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/976,496, filed on October 12, 2001, that the length of the golf club is typically considered to be the longest dimension of the golf club, which is from heel to toe. Therefore, defining the "length" to extend along an axis from the heel portion to the toe portion does not constitute new matter.